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1ST QUARTER 1950 FOREIGN TRADE FAVORABLE

GIVES FOREIGN TRADE FIGURES -- Hospodar, No 16, 20 Apr 50

Czechoslovak foreign trade in the first quarter of 1950 was as follows [in millions of crowns?]

<u>Month</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Jan	2,468	2,542	+ 74
Feb	2,578	2,335	-243
Mar	3,071	3,358	+287
Jan - Mar	8,117	8,235	+118

EXPORTS FARM MACHINES -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 17/18, 4 Mar 50

The Jicin Agrostroj (Farm Machinery) exports modern reapers to the East European countries and to Denmark, Belgium, France, Italy, and Austria. One hundred agricultural machines have been shipped to Iceland. The Skoda Works have received an order for special drills from the Union of South Africa. Switzerland and Canada are interested in a new slicing machine which is made of hydronalium, an aluminum alloy. In the winter of 1949 a plant in Brno shipped 120 polarigraphs (apparatus for making chemical analyses) to Rumania.

SHIPS PUMPING STATIONS TO PAKISTAN -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 34,
6 May 50

By arrangement with the SIGMA Czechoslovak Trading Corporation, 56 pumping stations for irrigation purposes have been shipped from Czechoslovakia to Pakistan. The pumps have a capacity of 30 cubic meters per minute each.

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MEDICINES EXEMPTED FROM IMPORT DUTIES -- Svobodny Zitrek, No 14, 5 Feb 50

The government has permitted duty-free shipment of medicines to Czechoslovakia, even to private individuals. The permission is effective until 30 June.

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